



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

What Did You Learn:

-Where this genre of music fits in music history
In class we spent time examining the periods before and after this British Invasion in the 60's. The precursors showed many of the same topics, tempos, and instruments that are observed in the earliest of the Beatles and similar music

-The composers, singer-songwriters, groups that led this era in music
Similarities in musical structure, lyrics, and aesthetics can be compared for similarities from the era before and after the British Invasion. Doing this allows one to see how genres changed and transformed as a result of this movement

-The effect of this music on cultural, political, economical, and societal spheres in the world.
The opportunity to observe the effects on such a large city that this era in music had really hit the points home. A sprawling city like London has signs everywhere of when the British Invasion went global.

-A comparison of British and American creators from this period, their differences and similarities
This class made an exceptional attempt at showing the whole picture during this era in history, not just the music. To see the historic events of the time and the effect they had on popular music really offered a perfectly rounded view of this era in history.



Westminster Abbey

British Invasion: The Impact of British Popular Music in the 1960s

Description:

This program examines the popular culture shift in the 1960s with the emergence of British rock bands who had an effect in the United Kingdom, The United States, and across the Globe. Starting with the assassination of JFK and ending with Woodstock, the different varieties and genres of popular British music were examined during the in class portion. The similarities and progressive adaptations from one song to another were observed noting similar beats and lyrical topics. In country we visited important sights for this British invasion including significant locations in Liverpool and London, England. Bands covered included the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix and more. This program showed the effect on later music that the British Invasion had and offered an in person experience to really understand the feelings and emotions behind the music.



Posing with a guard at Windsor Castle

Favorite Part of Experience:

Rolling Stones Live in London-
The timing of our trip happened to coincide with the Rolling Stones on a global tour. After a group discussion showed we all wanted to go, we managed to get tickets included in the original cost of the study abroad. One night we all traveled by tube to London Stadium in Olympic Village and saw the Stones perform classic hits with Florence and the Machine.

Windsor Castle-
The day we arrived in London, the Royal Wedding took place at Windsor Castle. We had the opportunity a few days later to take the morning train from London, across the British countryside to the small town and castle of Windsor. As a Royal Residence, it was an opportunity to see the opulence of the Royal family. We spent the day exploring the castle and grounds around the city, playing cricket in the park and learning about the royal experience.



Crossing Abbey Road in the fashion made famous by the Beatles cover art



Our group posing in front of the Penny Lane sign, made popular by the Beatles

How Did Your Experience Impact You Personally:

I think the opportunity to go and observe a different way of life, for any amount of time anywhere outside of your common sphere is an important experience. I think it is easy to make the mistake of becoming comfortable with the life you've always lived, and this leads to a misunderstanding of the way of life for any other cultures. This was my first extended trip to a country where people live noticeably different than my home and I think I came home with a much more involved world view than I had when I left.

To observe and identify with the similarities and differences in cultures is a start at understanding all different lifestyles. It is easy to write off someone or some culture because of the differences they may have. To immerse yourself in this different culture is to understand how their differences are strengths on a global scale. I think this trip really helped me to be understanding and considerate of different people and cultures because there are so many different ways of life past the one I've known for so long.



A view down Regent Street in London

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The sign denoting Strawberry Field, from the Beatles song "Strawberry Fields Forever"



The view of Albert Memorial as we exit Hyde Park, London

How Did Your Experience Impact Your Academic, Personal, and Life Goals Moving Forward?:

-To see a new area and new culture really changed the way I understand cultures and global perspectives.

-Many students my age grew up listening to this type of music with their parents, unfortunately I never saw this subject covered in very many music classes. This program, taught with the head of OSU's School of Music, really offered the best opportunity to learn about the causes and effects of this great era in music from instructors who are avid fans of the subject matter.

-After observing what a small understanding I have of other cultures, I've come to the conclusion that my only option is to travel more to try and learn as much as possible about different perspectives. I believe this is important for developing a global understanding of our world and the people who live in it.